

**DECLARATION**

As a below named inventor, I HEREBY DECLARE:

THAT my residence, post office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

THAT I believe I am the original, first, and sole inventor (if only one inventor is named below) or an original, first, and joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below or in an attached Declaration) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

STRUCTURAL ELEMENT, USE OF A STRUCTURAL ELEMENT AND METHOD  
FOR PRODUCING A STRUCTURAL ELEMENT, PARTICULARLY A CROSS  
MEMBER FOR A VEHICLE

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(Attorney Docket No. 016906-0486)

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the specification of which (check one)

\_\_\_ is attached hereto.

X was filed on 10/08/2004 as United States Application Number or  
PCT International Application Number PCT/EP2004/011276 and  
was amended on \_\_\_ (if applicable).

THAT I do not know and do not believe that the same invention was ever known or used by others in the United States of America, or was patented or described in any printed publication in any country, before I (we) invented it;

THAT I do not know and do not believe that the same invention was patented or described in any printed publication in any country, or in public use or on sale in the United States of America, for more than one year prior to the filing date of this United States application;

THAT I do not know and do not believe that the same invention was first patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate that issued in any country foreign to the United States of America before the filing date of this United States application if the foreign application was filed by me (us), or by my (our) legal representatives or assigns, more than twelve months (six months for design patents) prior to the filing date of this United States application;

THAT I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claim(s), as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

THAT I believe that the above-identified specification contains a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the invention, and sets forth the best mode contemplated by me of carrying out the invention; and

THAT I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56.

I HEREBY CLAIM foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number	Country	Foreign Filing Date	Priority Claimed?	Certified Copy Attached?
103 47 230.4	Germany	10/08/2003	Yes	

I HEREBY CLAIM the benefit under Title 35, United States Code § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

U.S. Provisional Application Number	Filing Date

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Application Number	Application Number	Filing Date	Patent Number

I FURTHER DECLARE THAT all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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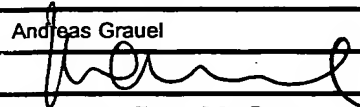
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The individual whose signature and title is supplied below is authorized to act on behalf of the assignee

Company Name	BEHR GmbH & CO., KG		
Name	Andreas Grauel		
Signature		Date	August 08, 2005
Title	Director Intell.Prop.	Telephone	0049-711-896-2891

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**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Applicant/Patent Owner: Walter WOLF  
Application No.: 10/574,709 Filed: 04/05/2006  
Patent No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Issue Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Docket Number: 016906-0486  
Entitled: STRUCTURAL ELEMENT, USE OF A STRUCTURAL ELEMENT AND METHOD FOR  
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A VEHICLE  
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